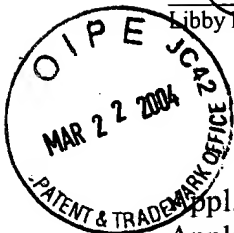


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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for a two month extension of time, extending the period for response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2003 in the above-identified application to March 17, 2004. Applicants have enclosed a check in the amount of \$1,298.00, which includes \$420.00 for the fee for the above-requested extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 17, 2004

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